

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for associating information with a call, the method comprising:
2 receiving a request to make a call, the call having been initiated by a user on a
3 first device;
4 prompting, by sending a signal to the first device, the user to enter information to
5 associate with the call;
6 receiving, from a second device, a signal comprising such information; and
7 associating the information with the call.
- 1 2. A method for associating an account code with a call, the method comprising:
2 receiving a request to make a call, the call having been initiated by a user on a
3 first device;
4 prompting, by sending a signal to the first device, the user to enter an account
5 code to associate with the call;
6 receiving, from a second device, a signal comprising an account code; and
7 associating the account code with the call.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the signal sent to the first device indicates
2 whether the account code is required or optional.
- 1 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the signal received from the second device
2 further comprises an identifier of the second device.
- 1 5. The method of claim 2, further comprising determining whether the received
2 account code is valid.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising responsive to having determined that
2 the received account code is valid, sending a signal to one of the first device and the
3 second device, the signal indicating that a valid account code has been received.

1 7. The method of claim 5, further comprising responsive to having determined that
2 the received account code is invalid, terminating the call.

1 8. The method of claim 5, further comprising responsive to having determined that
2 the received account code is invalid, prompting the user to enter an account code.

1 9. The method of claim 2, further comprising prompting, by sending a signal to the
2 second device, the user to enter an account code to associate with the call.

1 10. The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving a signal from one of the first
2 device and the second device, the signal comprising a request for one or more valid
3 account codes.

1 11. The method of claim 2, further comprising sending a signal to one of the first
2 device and the second device, the signal comprising one or more valid account codes,
3 responsive to having received a signal from one of the first device and the second device,
4 the signal comprising a request for one or more valid account codes.

1 12. The method of claim 2, further comprising transferring the call to a destination
2 number of the call.

1 13. The method of claim 2, wherein one of the first device and the second device is
2 one of an analog phone, an Internet Protocol (IP) phone, and a software phone.

1 14. The method of claim 2, wherein one of the first device and the second device is
2 running a software application that controls another device.

- 1 15. An apparatus for associating an account code with a call, the apparatus
2 comprising:
3 an incoming call module, the incoming call module configured to receive a
4 request to make a call, the call having been initiated by a user on a first
5 device;
6 a first prompting module, the first prompting module configured to prompt, by
7 sending a signal to the first device, the user to enter an account code to
8 associate with the call;
9 an account code receiving module, the account code receiving module configured
10 to receive, from a second device, a signal comprising an account code;
11 an association module, the association module configured to associate the account
12 code with the call; and
13 a control module, the control module coupled to and configured to communicate
14 with the incoming call module, the prompting module, the account code
15 receiving module, and the association module.
- 1 16. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a validity module, the validity
2 module configured to determine whether the received account code is valid, wherein the
3 control module is further coupled to and configured to communicate with the validity
4 module.
- 1 17. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a second prompting module, the
2 second prompting module configured to prompt, by sending a signal to the second
3 device, the user to enter an account code to associate with the call, wherein the control

4 module is further coupled to and configured to communicate with the second prompting
5 module.

1 18. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a query receiving module, the
2 query receiving module configured to receive a signal from one of the first device and the
3 second device, the signal comprising a request for one or more valid account codes,
4 wherein the control module is further coupled to and configured to communicate with the
5 query receiving module.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a query response module, the query
2 response module configured to send a signal to one of the first device and the second
3 device, the signal comprising one or more valid account codes, responsive to having
4 received a signal from one of the first device and the second device, the signal
5 comprising a request for one or more valid account codes, wherein the control module is
6 further coupled to and configured to communicate with the query response module.